



File Code: 1950

Date: March 31, 2016

Dear Interested Party,

The Olympic National Forest and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe are proposing a restoration project to improve fish habitat within the Dungeness and Gray Wolf Rivers. The final Environmental Assessment and draft Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) is available and ready for public review and objection. The draft DN/FONSI is based on a review of the EA and the project record, which shows a thorough evaluation of relevant scientific information, a consideration of responsible opposing views, and acknowledgement of incomplete or unavailable information, scientific uncertainty, and risk.

The draft DN/FONSI identifies my intention of approving the Proposed Action, as described and analyzed in the EA. Log jams would be constructed in four separate reaches of the Dungeness and Gray Wolf Rivers on National Forest System lands, between approximately river mile (RM) 13.4 to 14.2 on the Dungeness River and RM 0.4 to 2.0 on the Gray Wolf River. Approximately 15 strategically located log jams will be placed by helicopter along the four reaches of the rivers and three existing log jams would be stabilized. Approximately 120 second growth trees, ranging from 18 to 27 inches in diameter would be removed, with roots attached, to provide the necessary large woody material for the project. The trees would be removed from within the Canyon Creek drainage, off of Forest Road 2878. The project area is located on the Hood Canal Ranger District of the Olympic National Forest, in Clallam County, Washington. The legal location of the project is: T29N, R3W, Sections 19, 30, 31, and T29N, R4W, Sections 24, 27, 36, Willamette Meridian.

Objections concerning this action will be accepted for 45 calendar days following publication of a notice in *Peninsula Daily News*, Port Angeles, WA, the official newspaper of record.

How to Object and Timeframe

This proposed decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from individuals or organizations that submitted project-specific written comments during a designated opportunity for public participation (scoping or 30-day public comment period). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment period.

Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of the legal notice in the *Peninsula Daily News*, Port Angeles, Washington. The date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).



Objections must be submitted to the reviewing officer: Acting Forest Supervisor, Larry Sandoval, 1835 Black Lake Blvd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512. Please put OBJECTION and the project name in the subject line. Objections may be submitted via mail, FAX (360-956-2330), or delivered during business hours (M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm). The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are: 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Objections can be faxed to 360-956-2330.

Electronic objections should be submitted online via the project webpage:
http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43811

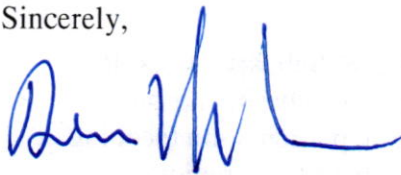
On the project website within the "Get Connected" group to the right click on "Comment/Object on Project" and follow on-screen instructions for submitting objections. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an objection, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest and/or Ranger District; 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections; and, 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Incorporate documents by reference only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b).

It is the responsibility of persons providing objections to submit them by the close of the objection period. It is the responsibility of persons providing objections by electronic means to ensure that their objection has been received. Each individual or representative from each organization submitting objection must either sign the objection or verify identity upon request.

If you have questions regarding this project or would like to obtain a hard copy of the EA and Draft DN/FONSI, please contact Bob Metzger, project lead, at the number listed above, or by email at rpmetzger@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,



DEAN YOSHINA
District Ranger

cc: Dean Yoshina, Marc McHenry, Bob Metzger